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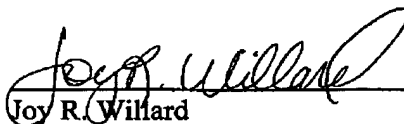
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.